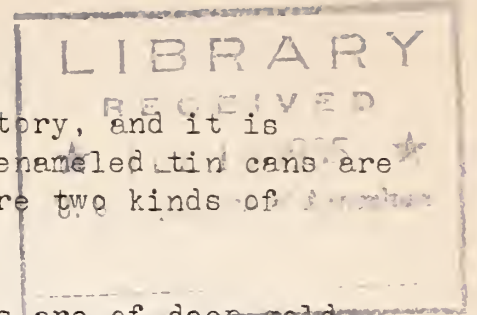


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USES OF ENAMELED TIN CANS



For most foods, the plain tin can is entirely satisfactory, and it is cheaper than any other. For certain other foods, however, enameled tin cans are used to preserve better appearance of the product. There are two kinds of enamel, prepared for special purposes.

"Sanitary enamel", or "R enamel" or "fruit enamel", cans are of deep gold color with bright finish. They are used to prevent fading of color in red fruits and certain red vegetables, and to prevent corrosion with pumpkin and squash.

"C enamel", of light gold color with dull finish, is used to prevent darkening of the food or the can. Certain foods, when heated in plain tin, liberate hydrogen sulfide gas. This reacts upon the metals and forms dark metallic sulfides which may be deposited on the can or on the food. These metallic sulfides are harmless, but they detract from the appearance of the food and of the can.

"C enamel" cans should not be used with acid foods like fruits, tomatoes, or sauerkraut, nor with meats or other products when these contain much fat. Acid or fat may cause "C enamel" to peel off and make the product unsightly, even though harmless.

The following list shows the type of can -- enameled or plain tin -- used for each food:

Beans, green or wax- - - - -	Plain tin
" lima- - - - -	C enamel
" with pork - - - - -	Plain tin
" with pork and tomato sauce- -	" "
" red kidney- - - - -	C enamel or plain tin
Beets- - - - -	Sanitary enamel (preferred) or C enamel
(Pickled beets, only in glass)	
Berries, all kinds - - - - -	Sanitary enamel
Carrots- - - - -	Plain tin
Cherries - - - - -	Sanitary enamel
Chicken and other meats- - - - -	Plain tin
Clams- - - - -	C enamel
Corn and succotash - - - - -	C enamel
Cranberry sauce- - - - -	Sanitary enamel
Greens, including spinach- - - - -	Plain tin
Hominy - - - - -	" "
Onions - - - - -	" "
Peas - - - - -	" "
Peas and carrots - - - - -	" "
Pimientos- - - - -	Sanitary enamel
Plums- - - - -	" "
Pumpkin- - - - -	" "
Rhubarb- - - - -	" "
(glass preferred for home canning)	
Sauerkraut - - - - -	" "
Shellfish- - - - -	C enamel
Squash - - - - -	Sanitary enamel
Tomatoes - - - - -	Plain tin
Tomato juice - - - - -	" "
Tomato puree - - - - -	" "
Vegetables, mixed- - - - -	" "

